

REMARKS

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement, and requests that Applicants elect one of three identified inventions for prosecution in connection with the present application.

The three inventions are as follows:

Invention I: Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of making a coated paper, classified in class 162, subclass 135;

Invention II: Claim 10, drawn to a coated paper, classified in class 428, subclass 342; or

Invention III: Claim 11, drawn to an aqueous coating formulation, classified in class 106, subclass 14.5.

Applicants' Election

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute Invention I. Applicants have withdrawn Claim 10 in Invention Group II and Claim 11 in Invention Group III without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and reserve the right to reintroduce the subject matter of these claims and/or file a related application to the subject matter of the claims.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added by the amendments. Claims 10-11 have been withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Favorable allowance of each of claims 1-9 in the instant application is earnestly solicited.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the outstanding Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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